Supplementary Grants.

Rs. 1,000—under 16 (c)—Criminal Justice—Refunds.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 1,000 under 16 (*c*)—Criminal Justice—Refunds. The reason for this request is briefly noted in the printed papers circulated to the members. The matter was duly placed before the Standing Finance Committee and the Committee was pleased to approve of the request. I request the House to give this allotment.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): On a point of information, Sir, may I know what the balance of Rs. 500 is intended for?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): There may be other cases also arising like this. It is not possible to give a correct estimate. It is an anticipatory provision.

The demand was put and carried.

Rs. 300—under '19-Education (7)—Government Training Institution—Miscellaneous'.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 300 the object of which is explained in the note for the Standing Finance Committee. This is an item which would otherwise have to be incurred by the P. W. Department. Essentially therefore this is not to be really considered as an additional expenditure. No provision however could be made in this budget for this item which was unexpected at the time. The lighting of the institution and its premises has to be carried out particularly because of the residential hostels, and I request that the House will be pleased to vote for this small additional allotment of Rs. 300.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): In the meeting of the Standing Finance Committee we wanted some explanation and the President promised to supply the information whether this amount has not been provided in the P. W. D. budget.

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): There was a provision of Rs. 500 in the budget. But on account of urgent necessity the Chief Engineer had to transfer amounts from that so that nothing is available in that allotment for this purpose.

The demand was put and carried.

Rs. 650—by transfer from '24-Public Health—A-Sanitation and Conservancy—Nemmara Town Improvement works' to

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'3-Village Panchayats—B-contribution to Village Panchayats—H-water supply'.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I beg leave of the House to permit me to transfer an allotment of Rs. 650 from '24-Public Health—A-Sanitation and Conservancy— Nemmara Town Improvement Works to 3-Village Panchayats—B-Contribution to Village Panchayats—H-Water Supply.

There is a provision of Rs. 1,200 for the Public Health Department for constructing a cart-stand in Nemmara. This work is proposed to be put off for the present. The land acquisition proceedings alone are being taken up now for which a sum of Rs. 250 will be set apart out of the amount of Rs. 1,200, the balance of 950 is proposed to be utilised for more urgent works.

Scarcity of water is keenly felt in many of the villages in and around Nemmara and it is said that almost all Panchayat wells go dry during summer. There is no provision for deepening the well in the Panchayat budget. I request the sanction of this House for the transfer of Rs. 650.

The demand was put and carried.

Rs. 300 by transfer from '24-A-Sanitation and Conservancy—Nemmara Town Improvement works to '3-Village Panchayats—B-Contribution to Village Panchayats—G-Communications'.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I move for sanction of an additional allotment of Rs. 300 by transfer from "24-A-Sanitation and Conservancy—Nemmara Town Improvement Works"—to "3-Village Panchayats—B-Contribution to Village Panchayats—G-Communications". That is also for the improvement of certain lanes which are in a very difficult condition and some of which are leading to the tanks and wells, and of course the balance is kept here for land acquisition for the bus-stand.

The demand was put and carried.

Rs. 11,194—6—6 under '28-A-Civil Engineering—Survey and Investigation Charges'.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 11,194—6—6 under "28-A-Civil Engineering— Communication Original." This expenditure was incurred in 1937 for the survey of the Chalakkudi-Annamalai road. At that time this expenditure was kept under suspense head with the idea that if the work is

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undertaken the expenditure might be debited to the construction cost. The work has now been abandoned and therefore it has become necessary to appropriate to definite expenditure heads, and for this purpose it is not possible to appropriate any amount from the current P. W. D. budget. Therefore I ask the House to sanction this additional allotment.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): May I know, Sir, why this 150 is provided for this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): In the construction works sometimes it may be necessary to do some survey work. For that and to meet such small expenditure we have provided a small sum of Rs. 150.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know when this work was dropped?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I think by 1938.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know why this matter was not brought here earlier?

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): May I know whether the Government would take up the construction of the road in the near future considering the importance of a road connecting our State with the plantations centre.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): The expenditure for constructing this road is a large figure and the Government think that from a financial point of view it won't justify the construction and unless such an assurance can be got it will not be possible for the Government to take up the construction of the road.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know why the scheme dropped in 1938, was not brought to our notice up till now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*) It was not possible to provide it in the 1114 budget

The demand was put and carried.

Rs. 18,000 under '28-A-Civil Engineering—Communications—original.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 18,000 under '28-A-Civil Engineering—Communications—Original'. The necessity for this allotment is for the construction of an approach

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road to the new Ernakulam Willingdon island bridge on the Ernakulam foreshore. I hope the House will sanction this allotment.

The demand was put and carried.

Rs. 95 under '31-A-Direction and Inspection—Carving workshop - Other charges' and Rs. 321 by transfer from '30-Scientific, etc., Department-4-Industrial Museum—Establishment to '31-A-Direction and Inspection—Carving workshops—Establishment'.

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): I may be permitted to move the remaining two items together. They are Nos. 7 and 8. I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 416 under Industries Department. Of this only Rs. 95 is by way of additional allotment. The balance of Rs. 321 is by transfer from '30-Scientific, etc., Department'. This was necessitated by the shifting of the workshop from the Museum to the Industries Department. I request that the House may sanction this allotment.

The demand was put and carried.

The Cochin Sea Customs Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move that the Cochin Sea Customs Act Amendment Bill be read in Council. So far as the objects and reasons of this amendment are concerned they are briefly stated in the paper printed and circulated among the members along with the copy of the text of the bill itself. It will be seen therefrom that this amendment is after all an innocent one—a non-controversial one. I request that the bill be passed in Council.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

Secretary to the Legislative Council: The title of the bill is 'The Cochin Sea Customs Act Amendment Bill.'

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I request that S. O. No. 32 be suspended.

Mr. President: S. O. No. 32 is suspended.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I move that the bill may be taken into consideration.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

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